

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that claims 5-6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejection and if rewritten in independent form. To this end, claim 5 has been canceled, with the subject matter therein rewritten in amended claim 1. In addition, independent claim 1 has been amended to correct the typographical error (the word "from" at line 11 was inadvertently misspelled), and the acronym "CIDR" (imported from dependent claim 5) has been defined explicitly. Claim 1, as now amended, fully complies with § 112, and the subject matter now conforms with that of canceled claim 5. In this regard, the Examiner will note that, for clarity, the phrase "information and data transferred" has been rewritten to describe "given first information" (with respect to the information provided from the third party cache to the registration server) and as "given second information" (with respect to the information provided to the third party cache from the registration server). This wording is believed to be slightly clearer than that of claim 5, which the Examiner has indicated included allowable subject matter. In this regard, the Examiner will also note that slightly different formulation of the various components that comprise the "first given information" as including an additional component, namely "performance characteristic data." The set is also now described in a more open (as opposed to closed) manner. Finally, the preamble wording has been amended to describe a content delivery network having a set of edge caches located at given network locations, with the corresponding wording omitted from the first clause. This amendment improves the readability of the claim, but does not change its scope.

Slight wording changes have also been made to the "second given information" set in claim 6, however, all of these changes slightly conform the wording more accurately given the written description.

As all pending matters that can be addressed after final have been adequately addressed by this response, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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